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COUNTY AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TO PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS *Program Aims to Break the Cycle of Poverty Through Education*

WHAT: The County of San Diego will award 18 academic scholarships to qualifying candidates who reside in the County's Conventional Affordable Housing Program.

WHY: The Resident Adult and Youth Scholarship Program is designed to provide financial assistance to adults and youth residing in the County's Conventional Affordable Housing Program who aspire to attend a university, college, technical or vocational school. The scholarship program provides needed financial resources to residents who have a commitment to learning and are struggling to break the cycle of poverty. Scholarship awards provide assistance with tuition and books. First-time scholarship awardees will also receive a home computer.

In collaboration with Southwestern Community College, the County Department of Housing and Community Development will award 18 scholarships this year. The County first developed the program in 2001 with seven scholarships.

WHEN: 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14

WHERE: Southwestern Community College
Art Gallery Patio (Building 710)
900 Otay Lakes Road, Chula Vista

WHO: Catherine J. Trout, Director, Department of Housing and Community Development
Christine Aranda, Ed.D., Governing Board Vice President, Southwestern Community College
Norma Hernandez, Superintendent /President, Southwestern Community College

Editor's note: Scholarship recipients and officials will be available for one-on-one interviews.